

Guns on Campus Transcript

Welcome to the *Maneater*'s "Word on the Street." For the September 30th issue, this is Michelle Gao.

On the website *gunbroker.com*, buying a gun is as easy as shopping on eBay. You do not have to be a licensed gun dealer to sell guns online. There is no official way to track the record of the gun selling either.

Freshman Karis Laudel says she wouldn't buy a gun on websites like *gunbroker.com*. She says websites like that shouldn't be allowed, as criminals can get access to guns easily.

I think that's wrong. I think that people will only be allowed to purchase the gun in a store and get background checks.

Freshman Zachary McGowan says these easy accesses to guns require strict regulations and forces.

Most teenagers have debit cards, credit cards. It seems like too easy for access. If it's that easy, definitely have to be stricter policy and force because that is unacceptable. You know, the lives are probably at risk if (the policies) are not taken.

At University of Texas, a student opened fire Tuesday and then killed himself. Fortunately, no injuries were reported. But the incident has caused more people to doubt whether guns should be allowed on campus.

While Freshman Allison Lewis agrees that people have the right to own a gun to protect them from dangers, she doesn't think guns should exist on campus.

I just feel like if you're gonna carry a gun, there should be restrictions on what time or where, when you can carry it around campus. Or if you could be allowed at all to be on campus with the guns. I feel like we are here to learn and study and stuff like that. I don't know if guns are necessary. I don't think they go on campuses.

Zachary says campus security is definitely getting tighter because of the incidence.

I feel safe on MU's campus. But it is scary to think about the security can't be everywhere I wants. When you have access to guns like that, through the Internet or just through people that you know, anybody can have one. The campus is of 30,000 people, anybody can be carrying one.

But the government regulation for guns may not be easy, Freshman Elissa Curits said.

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